

Attorney's Docket No. 021238-410

Patent

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of ) **REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 116-**  
Mohammad HAJALIGOL et al. ) **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-**  
 ) **TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700**  
Application No.: 09/987,735 ) Group Art Unit: 1731  
Filed: November 15, 2001 ) Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez  
For: CIGARETTE PAPER HAVING HEAT- ) Confirmation No.: 7422  
DEGRADABLE FILLER PARTICLES, )  
AND CIGARETTE COMPRISING A )  
CIGARETTE PAPER WRAPPER )  
HAVING HEAT-DEGRADABLE FILLER )  
PARTICLES )

**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D   C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	53	MINUS 35 =	18	× \$18.00 (1202) =	324.00
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 3 =	2	× \$86.00 (1201) =	172.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					496.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>496.00</b>

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.

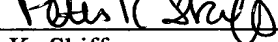
☒ Charge \$ 496.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated August 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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